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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:35 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: AVTEC March 2008 e-Newsletter

From: Linda Carpenter [mailto:linda.carpenter@avtec.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 10:03 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: AVTEC March 2008 e-Newsletter

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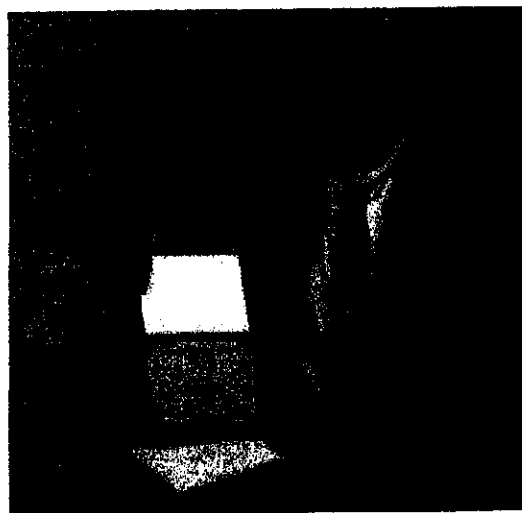
Congratulations to Ajillia Wallace!

(Pictured above AJ Wallace and Tim Scott, principal at the Frontier Charter Sc

In February, AVTEC was proud to congratulate **Ajillia Wal** **Business and Office Technology student**, for receiving school diploma after a long wait.

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Governor of Alaska

Jobs are Alaska's Future

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Meet AVTEC's Director, Fred Esposito</A< body>

Send Mr. Esposito an e-mail, fred.esposito@avtec.edu

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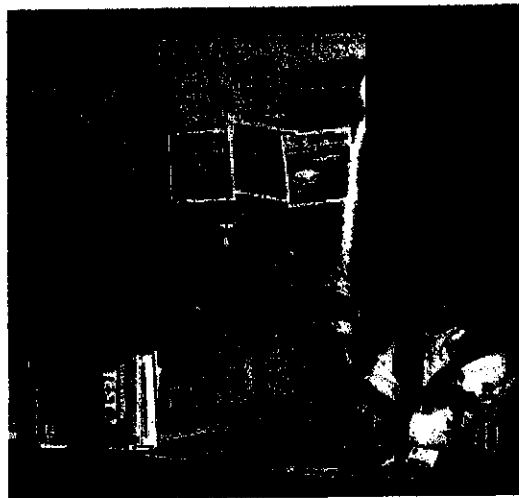
Skilled & Qualified Employees for Alaska's Workforce

Employers, mark your calendars! The annual **AVTEC/Seward Community Job Fair** is scheduled for **Monday, April 7**.

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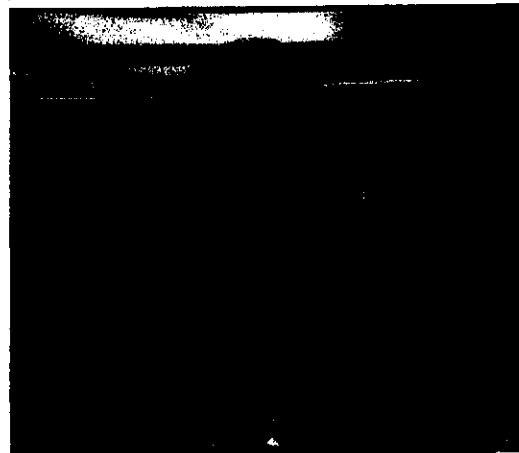
Congrats to Anita Nickerson!

Anita Nickerson is currently an Alaska Vocational Technical Center (**AVTEC**) student attending the **Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) Program** at our Anchorage campus. She will finish and graduate from the program in April.

Anita is an Alaskan who has recently received the Good News Great Kids Scholarship Award. This is a program that recognizes outstanding youth. The scholarship is a partnership between the Mayor's office, the Anchorage Daily News, AT&T and the University of Alaska. Anita was recognized for turning her obstacles in life to opportunies.

Click here to read the article

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e-Newsletter Comments & Feedback

The AVTEC monthly e-Newsletter is published by the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) to keep friends and alumni in touch with the news and events of AVTEC. Comments or feedback regarding this newsletter can be sent to Linda Carpenter, linda.carpenter@avtec.edu.</FONT< body>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:10 AM
To: Colin Young
Subject: RE: state fair

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Colin Young [mailto:cyoung36@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 4:36 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: state fair

Please remember the state fair when the budget is reviewed. Thank you.

C. Young

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From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TEIRWIN]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 9:21 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: GREAT NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!

You are right about the Lord and you have family and real friends you can count on. Please always consider us in the can count on category.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Wed Mar 05 21:14:54 2008

Subject: Re: GREAT NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you! It's still pretty surreal... and we know we'll only be given what we can handle by our good Lord. Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 21:07:52

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: GREAT NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!

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To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

Right on! And it was great to see him testify so confidently, already, in front of committee this afternoon. Thank you Tom!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 21:01:10

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

Comments are starting to come in from the power industry and they are pleased with your energy coordinator.

----- Original Message -----

From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

To: Gibson, Kurtis K (DNR)

Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 05 15:26:36 2008

Subject: RE: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

We are glad to assist! It is very nice to see such an enthusiastic response, and an added bonus that your quality of life is improved!

Marty

From: Gibson, Kurtis K (DNR)

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 3:23 PM

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Subject: FW: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

Importance: High

FYI, you've definitely satisfied one of the energy stakeholders. Thank you for making my personal life easier. ;-)

From: Suzanne Gibson [mailto:Suzanne_Gibson@chugachelectric.com <mailto:Suzanne_Gibson@chugachelectric.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:23 PM

To: Gibson, Kurtis K (DNR)

Subject: FW: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

Importance: High

This is fabulous news and EXACTLY the person I would suggest be in this position!!! yay Palin and team !!

From: Crystal Enkvist [mailto:cenkvist@alaskapower.org <mailto:cenkvist@alaskapower.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 12:07 PM

To: Crystal Enkvist

Subject: APA e-flash: Energy Coordinator announcement

Importance: High

News from Alaska Power Association

March 5, 2008

Governor Palin announces appointment of Steve Haagenson as Energy Coordinator

Governor Sarah Palin announced at a noon press conference today in Juneau that she has appointed Steve Haagenson of Fairbanks as Energy Coordinator. Haagenson will also serve as Executive Director of the Alaska Energy Authority.

Haagenson retired from his position as Golden Valley Electric Association's President and CEO in November 2007 after a 32-year career with the Interior Alaska electric cooperative. During his tenure at GVEA, Haagenson worked his way up through the ranks, working first in a part-time summer position as a staking technician before moving into positions in engineering and operations. The GVEA Board named him President and CEO in 2001.

Haagenson served on the Alaska Energy Policy Task Force and has been a longtime leader in the Alaska electric industry. In 2007, Alaska Power Association presented him with its Mason Lazelle Achievement Award, the highest level award conferred by the trade association membership, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to electrification efforts in Alaska.

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For more information:

Contact Crystal Enkvist, Director of Member & Public Relations

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 6:52 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: press release

Frank says it's good to go, I say 5 kids sounds like a ton o' kids.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 17:59:51

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: press release

Governor –

Please let me know what you think about the quote!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No: 08-033

Governor Palin Announces Family Addition

March 5, 2008, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today announced she is expecting her fifth child.

"Todd and I are five times blessed and couldn't be happier," said Governor Palin. "We look forward to welcoming our new addition in May."

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Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 3:18 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Tomorrow 4;15 I have an appt.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Ben

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 12:13:30

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Ben

Dear governor palin. It is filed in court and it is public information. Talis.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Sent: Wed Mar 05 10:43:30 2008

Subject: Ben

Did we file the appeal re: Ben and APOC? Is it public yet that we're doing this?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:33 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Ben

Want to let public know this re: appealing Ben's apoc excuse?

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Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:22 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Elections

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:12 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Ms. HON. SARAH PALIN

address: GOVERNOR\'S RESIDENCE JUNEAU AK 99811

MESSAGE:

DEAR GOVERNOR PALIN,

PLEASE LET SENATOR MCCAIN KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS HIS VICE-PRESDENT AND RUNNING MATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

JAMES WILHELM, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA,86301

WILHELMTRIBE@QWEST.NET

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:20 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fish_and_Game

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 2:36 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Elizabeth Manning

address: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd. Anchorage AK 99518

267-2168

MESSAGE:

Dear Gov. Palin,

On behalf of the various bear committees around the state (including the Kenai Brown Bear Committe, the Anchorage Bear Committee and the Juneau Bear Committee), we would like to invite you to be the voice of one of our bear public service announcements. This year we are combining efforts to put forth statewide radio messages. I know you have an extremely busy schedule but hope you might have some time to lend your well-known and respected voice to this effort. We plan to record these by March 15. We could come to wherever you are and it would take about 15 minutes of your time. Please let me know if this is of interest and I will send the message we would like you to read and arrange for recording. These are basic messages about reducing bear attractants around the places where Alakans live and play, and about keeping bears wild and people safe.

Thank you for considering it.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Manning

Wildlife Education and Outreach

267-2168, elizabeth.manning@alaska.gov

elizabeth.manning@alaska.gov

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Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:53 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 7:43 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Doug Snyder

address: 2778 Longspur Way Pleasanton CA 94566

9252001948

MESSAGE:

Contact the McCain people and tell them you want to run as his VP. We need people like you in national politics!

dougsnyder@comcast.net

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From: BRENT W JOHNSON [BWJOHNSON@PSEA.NET]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:47 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Glass; John D (DPS)
Cc: Troopers; APFO All Members
Subject: Alaska Crime

Governor Palin, March 5, 2008

First of all, congratulations on the news of your 5th child. My wife is also pregnant and is due within days of your due date. I pray that thus far your pregnancy has been as safe and healthy as hers. I know that you are a very busy person, so I want to be brief. I have recently learned of some shocking statistics that you may or may not be fully aware of.

Are you aware that in 2006, Alaska ranked #1 in the country for Forcible Rape, and in fact our crime rate in this category is almost double the #2 state, meaning we actually rank 1st, 2nd and likely 3rd? Are you also aware Alaska ranks #3 overall in aggravated assault, or that we rank #22 in Murder and Manslaughter? Were you aware Alaska ranks #18 in overall property crimes in the country? Were you aware that in 2004, Alaska was ranked the 7th highest state for violent crime, ahead of California, New York, New Jersey, and 40 other states by the US Census Bureau?

I was born and raised in Alaska, mostly in southcentral. I remember growing up in Eagle River, at a time when nobody locked their doors or worried about their children walking to a neighbors house. I remember a time when a homicide anywhere in Alaska, including Anchorage, was a rare event. I remember a time when people didn't have to check a government database to find out how close the nearest sexual predator lived to their homes. Do you remember these good times when you were growing up in the valley?

At the same time that Alaska shamefully leads the majority of other states in these violent crime statistics, the Department of Public Safety and DOT Airport Police and Fire Departments have lost a total of approximately **96** Troopers and Officers to retirement and resignation. In the past 3 years, DPS alone has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in recruitment efforts, with a net gain of 3 Troopers. Currently almost 50% of the lateral hires recruited to be State Troopers from other agencies have already left DPS, many for their old jobs. Commissioner Monegan stated recently he expects to loose an average of 2 Troopers a month for the remainder of this year, which is an added 18. I am not a mathematician, however at an average cost of $100,000 to train and equip each new State Trooper, plus figuring 33-50% of each departing officers last years pay lost due to loss of experience (see report by AO237 Executive Working Group, pg. 3, paragraph A). My calculations show that using a low average salary of $50,000 for these 114 departed employees, the loss of these 114 Troopers/officers and replacing them + 3 new Troopers has thus far cost the state **$4.29 million** over the past 4 years.

I too am a conservative and believe it is imperative that we save for a rainy day. I do not believe however, one should put their entire paycheck in the bank and not pay their utility and food bills. Gov. Palin, the Troopers within the Department of Public Safety are your food

bill, manwhile your family, the citizens of Alaska, are starving! $4.29 million is a lot of money to flush down the toilet because some in your administration believe, "if they don't like their pay, they can just quit". I ask how much a financial package for Troopers that makes DPS competitive in the job market will cost in comparison?

Governor, next to a healthy economy and adequate schools, Americans as a whole, and Alaskans in particular want adequate public safety for their families. You have the unique opportunity to make a clear statement to Alaskans and to the rest of the country that you will no longer tolerate this great state belonging to the criminals. You can single handedly provide this state the highly trained, dedicated State Troopers it needs to change these disturbing statistics. Giuliani did it in New York City, and look how popular his still is across the country to this day.

I intend to be brief, so I will not discuss at length the hazardous conditions that Law Enforcement faces. Needless to say, if statisticians used rate of physical injury instead of death rates, commercial crabbers would loose the title of most dangerous job.

As an Alaska State Trooper, I took an oath to serve the people of Alaska. You, in taking office as Governor took a similar oath. I am confused as to how the two of us, having both been born and raised in Alaska, and having taken a similar oath, cannot agree on the importance of this issue. I eagerly await your response and would be happy to discuss this and other issues with you in any format you prefer.

Thank you, and good luck, because I know you have difficult decisions ahead.

Sincerely,

Brent W. Johnson
PO Box 846
Tok, AK 99780

907-883-3811

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:18 AM
To: roaeja@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. dr burke

address: none none AK 9999

MESSAGE:

I guess tundra fires due to lightening strikes; are going to become more and more frequent with millions of acres ablaze as the tundra dries out, due to global warming. I think the Governor should increase Dept of Interior budget for the foreseeable future. We are talking about the WHOLE STATE of ALASKA above the arctic circle, being on fire!

Warming Climate May Cause Arctic Tundra To Burn

ScienceDaily (Mar. 5, 2008) — Research from ancient sediment cores indicates that a warming climate could make the world's arctic tundra far more susceptible to fires than previously thought. The findings are important given the potential for tundra fires to release organic carbon -- which could add significantly to the amount of greenhouse gases already blamed for global warming.

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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Mazzarini

address: 28 Linton Rd. Lynn MA 01904

781-593-3831

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:

You are the only logical choice for Vice President of the United States. It is my hope that John McCain asks you to help him win this election.

You are the BEST choice.

Sincerely, Tom Mazzarini

tmazz138@yahoo.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:09 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: coffee b 4 press conference?

After instead?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 10:55:55

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: coffee b 4 press conference?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:08 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Frank Bailey; Ivy personal; K Perry Yahoo
Subject: Fw: Ben

Head's up- hopefully we'll get this publicized soon after Talis says yes. I'll take the blame if folks get ticked about us filing the appeal after apoc forgave Ben- it was my call.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 10:49:01

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Ben

Yes we did. I will check and see if there is any reason why it would not be public and then I will let you know. Talis.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Sent: Wed Mar 05 10:43:30 2008

Subject: Ben

Did we file the appeal re: Ben and APOC? Is it public yet that we're doing this?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 10:02 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Does Beth know?

No. Should we tell her about the baby bump? If you want to, go forth. If not, that's fine.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 09:52:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Does Beth know?

Sharon Leighow

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Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 9:59 AM
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Subject: In Jnu

See ya soon

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To: Vision Money

Subject: RE: Alaska State Fair

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From: Vision Money [mailto:pattywagnvision@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 7:29 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Alaska State Fair

Hello Governor Palin,

As you prepare the budget for the coming year, I urge you to consider allocating monies to the Alaska State Fair in Palmer to complete the Ag Building. This building was constructed years ago, but never finished for lack of funds. There have been tires holding down roof panels so they don't blow away during some of Palmers horrific wind storms. Now additional building codes are in place that require added improvements. The fair is unable to raise addiquate funds on its own to cover the cost of these repairs.
The building is used by 4H and other educational groups, and is used to showcase Alaska agriculture. Please help Alaskans enjoy the benifits of the Alaska State Fairgrounds, and help us get ths building finished.

Thank you.

En....Joy

Vision Money
ASV Vendor

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 4-10, 2008

From: Waste Business Journal [mailto:info@wastebusinessjournal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:20 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 4-10, 2008

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1. **DECLINE IN CONSTRUCTION SPENDING BOUND TO AFFECT WASTE INDUSTRY**

   The Commerce Department released statistics confirming what many in the waste industry already know: that construction spending in the US is falling. In fact, total construction spending fell in January the most in 14 years, 3.3% below what is was a year ago. Spending fell by 1.7% in January alone. Builders slashed spending on residential projects, but the weakness spread beyond that ailing sector. There were cutbacks in spending on, among other things, hotels and motels, highways and various projects by state and local governments...**Read More »**

2. **HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, AGAIN**

   In a vote of 236 to 182, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008 (H.R. 5351), a bill that would extend much-needed tax benefits to the renewable energy industry. In its current form, H.R. 5351 would extend the 30% investment tax credit (ITC) for solar energy and qualified fuel cell projects for eight years. It would also extend by three years the production tax credit (PTC) for certain renewable energy facilities such as wind, biomass, and geothermal, and it would establish a new PTC for cellulosic ethanol production. The bill proposed to fund the ITC and PTC extensions through reductions in oil subsidies, resurrecting a provision removed from the energy legislation that was passed in December 2007...**Read More »**

3. **WASTE MANAGEMENT SELLS $600 MILLION SENIOR NOTES TO REPAY DEBT**

   Waste Management Inc. is selling $600 million in senior notes to repay other debt and for general corporate purposes. Money from the notes, due in 2018, will go to repay borrowings from the company's revolving credit facility and to repay $244 million in senior notes that become callable in May. The notes have been assigned ratings of BBB by both Standard & Poor's and Fitch and Baa3 by Moody's...**Read More »**

4. **SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PLASMA TECHNOLOGY**

   The City Council of Sacramento California voted to enter negotiations with Westinghouse Plasma Corp. to possibly build a plasma-arc gasification plant that could conceivably dispose of the 146,000 tons of waste generated annually by the city. Currently, that waste is hauled to Waste Management's giant Lockwood Regional landfill in Sparks, Nev. Westinghouse Plasma is a division of Calgary, Alberta-based Alter NRG, an alternative energy developer. Plasma arcs have been used in research and industry for decades, but have not been deployed for large-scale waste disposal, at least in the United States. Westinghouse Plasma Corp., which developed the technology, has helped develop waste-to-energy plants in Japan, two under development in India, and one which is under development near Tallahassee, Fla...**Read More »**

5. **RESEARCHERS AT UC DAVIS SEEKING MANURE-TREATMENT**

TECHNOLOGIES

The increasing concern over air and water pollution emanating from large beef and dairy farms is leading researchers at the University of California in Davis to investigate effective manure-treatment technologies. The researchers are collaborating with the California Air Resources Board, as well as other regulatory and industry organizations under funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As part of the study, formally known as the California Dairy Manure Technology Review, they are asking vendors to provide scientific and cost data of their manure treatment technologies for objective assessment by a panel of experts from government, industry, academia and environmental groups...**Read More »**

6. **CLEAN HARBORS EARNINGS RISE 45 PERCENT**

Clean Harbors said that growth in its technical services business helped increase fourth quarter earnings by 45% to $16.6 million, or $0.81 per share, from $11.4 million, or $0.56 per share, during the same period the previous year. Revenue increased 11% to $257.7 million. The news even surprised many analysts whom had been expecting earnings of about $0.67 per share. Alan McKim, Clean Harbors' chairman and chief executive said that an improved product mix helped the company win large-scale projects and drive business to its disposal facilities. Clean Harbors also got a boost from emergency response and small scale project revenue because of work on the clean up of an oil spill in the San Francisco Bay in November. For the full year, net income fell to $44 million, or $2.14 per share, from $46.4 million, or $2.26 per share, in 2006...**Read More »**

7. **CLEAN HARBORS ACQUIRES RECYCLING SITES FOR $15 MILLION**

Clean Harbors is acquiring two recycling facilities in Chicago and Hebron, Ohio and associated business with those facilities from Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. for $12.5 million in cash and the assumption of $3 million in liabilities. The two facilities generated about $16 million in revenue in 2007. The deal which is expected to close by the end of March, is also expected to boost earnings in 2008...**Read More »**

8. **CRRA TO INCREASE FEES BUT LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED**

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority announced that it will not be raising tipping fees by as much as previously threatened. Citing newfound state money, the agency will raise fees from $60.97 per ton currently, to $72 per ton, which is $4 less than what had been already approved. Instead, the state's governor will give the agency $3 million from the State Bond Commission. The additional funding which had been needed to help pay for the closure of the Hartford landfill was also thought to be needed to help the agency settle a lawsuit with its 70-member municipalities over a previous deal with now defunct Enron

Corp...**Read More »**

9. **CASELLA NAMES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Casella Waste has added a new board member Michael K. Burke who replaces outgoing member D. Randolph Peeler, who had served as a designee of the holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company, which was redeemed in August 2007. Burke has served in a number of senior financial roles, most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Intermagnetics General Corporation, a publicly traded medical device company. He has also served senior positions in manufacturing and investment banking, having spent twenty years as a Managing Director at CIBC Oppenheimer (now CIBC World Markets)...**Read More »**

10. **WASTE INDUSTRIES USA BUYS A TENNESSEE HAULER**

Waste Industries USA recently acquired American Disposal Services, LLC, a commercial and industrial hauling service provider in Hendersonville, TN. It is expected to contribute $3 million in hauling revenues and will tuck into existing company operations there. According to Ven Poole, Vice President, Corporate Development, "This addition to our Nashville operation will improve our route density while adding no significant SG&A expense."..**Read More »**

11. **WASTE SERVICES ANNOUNCES RECORD FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS**

Burlington, Ont.-based Waste Services, Inc. reported that strong fourth quarter internal revenue growth of 6.8% combined with 21% growth through acquisitions increased operating margins and brought profits to breakeven from a net loss a year ago. For the year, net acquisitions added $72.8 million comprising 18.6% of revenues; which, together with internal growth of 5.5% coming from price increases and fuel surcharges, helped revenues expand by 24.8% to $488.3 million compared to $391.4 million in 2006...**Read More »**

12. **WCA WASTE CORP GROWS REVENUES; EARNINGS OFF SLIGHTLY**

WCA Waste Corp said that fourth quarter revenues were up by 23.7% to $49.7 million but that an interest rate charge brought profits to a net loss of $2.5 million, or $0.15 per share. That compared with net income of $351,000, or $0.02 per share, on revenue of $37.4 million, for the same quarter in 2006. Analysts had been expecting earnings of $0.11 per share. The company said the loss was due to a $2.9 million pre-tax loss from an interest rate swap. Tom Fatjo, Chairman of WCA Waste Corporation, stated, "During 2007 our Company was successful in investing over $100 million in acquisitions, growing the company internally by 6.9%, exceeding internal budgets overall even though Florida did not meet expectations."..**Read More »**

13. **ALLIED WASTE TO SAVE MILLIONS BY CONVERTING PREFERRED STOCK**

Allied Waste Industries says it will save $37.5 million in annual cash dividends by converting preferred stock into common shares. Holders of the Series D preferred stock are receiving 25.3 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock they hold. This will add 60.7 million shares of common stock, bringing the company's total to about 443 million shares...**Read More »**

14. **STARTECH ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS STRONG 2007 FINANCIALS; OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK**

Startech Environmental, which builds and operates a plasma converter system, reports that Shareholders' Equity is in excess of $4.4 million with approximately $11.6 million in Cash on Hand, along with Plasma Converter Sales Bookings of approximately $25 million. Startech VP and CFO, Peter Scanlon, said, "With sales in Asia, Europe and North America, and manufacturing well under way, the Company has never before been as strong as it is today, and getting stronger. We're all very optimistic about Startech's future."..**Read More »**

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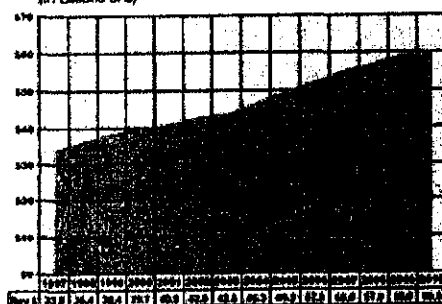
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(This is for Senators Stevens and Murkowski)
(also, for Congressman Young)

Per our discussion last week, I wanted you to see the attached opinion piece by Governor Palin published today in the Fairbanks News-Miner.

As you will note, the op-ed piece discusses several of the issues that you raised last week. In my opinion, the op-ed is the most succinct statement of State administration policy on earmarks of which I am aware. Hopefully, you will conclude as I have that the summary addresses many of your concerns.

Regarding transportation earmarks, in particular, DOTPF is currently working on a comprehensive audit of all pending projects. We will provide this to you when finalized.

In addition, we will be talking with them tomorrow about how to further improve communications between the State and local governments concerned about specific earmarks. I am hopeful that all of this will inure to everyone's benefit at the federal level, as we work with you to address transportation earmarks and to ensure that adequate funding is available.

I very much appreciated our meeting last week. It was important to discuss the issues of concern to you and to identify possible solutions.

Setting the earmarks opinion straight

Gov. Sarah Palin

Published Wednesday, March 5, 2008

I feel compelled to respond to your gross mischaracterization (March 2, "Earful of Earmarks") of my position on congressional earmarks.

I am not among those who have said "earmarks are nothing more than pork projects being shoveled home by an overeager congressional delegation." I recognize that Congress, which exercises the power of the purse, has the constitutional

responsibility to put its mark on the federal budget, including adding funds that the president has not proposed.

Accordingly, my administration has recommended funding for specific projects and programs when there is an important federal purpose and strong citizen support.

This year, we have requested 31 earmarks, down from 54 in 2007. Of these, 27 involve continuing or previous appropriations and four are new requests. The total dollar amount of these requests has been reduced from approximately $550 million in the previous year to just less than $200 million.

I believe this represents a responsible approach to the changing situation in Congress. Some misinterpret this as criticism of our congressional delegation.

In fact, it responds to messages from the Congressional delegation and the Bush administration. They have told us that the number of earmarks in the federal budget will be reduced and that there must be a strong federal purpose underlying each request.

We have also heard that, wherever possible, earmark requests must be accompanied by a state or local match. So, there are state budget consequences that must be considered as well when we ask for federal help.

There is no inconsistency or hypocrisy between my previous statements concerning earmarks and the recommendations my administration made to the delegation on Feb. 15. Specifically, I said earlier that the state would submit no more than 12 new requests, excluding earmarks for ongoing projects and the Alaska National Guard. Our recommendations are consistent with my previous comments and recognize the new budgetary realities in D.C.

Further, I applaud the delegation's decision to post all earmark requests. Posting, along with other reforms, will help insure the open and transparent public process that good government demands.

Regarding your comments concerning earmarks requested by local governments and other Alaska entities, I have never sought to impose my views on their activities. In fact, my D.C. office meets with dozens of local governments and others requesting earmarks and this interaction has always been cooperative and cordial.

Each entity must interpret the new realities in D.C. for itself. The final decisions about which earmark requests to pursue are made by the congressional delegation as our representatives in Congress.

My role at the federal level is simply to submit the most well-conceived earmark requests we can. Of course, since the congressional delegation has told us that they expect state or local matches, requests submitted by others may have implications for the Alaska Legislature as well.

As I have said previously, we can either respond to the changing circumstances in

Congress or stick our heads in the sand. For better or worse, earmarks, which represent only about 1 percent of the federal budget, have become a symbol for budgetary discussions in general.

Unfortunately, Alaska has been featured prominently in the debate about reform. By recognizing the necessity for change, we can enhance the state's credibility in the appropriations process and in other areas of federal policy.

One of my goals as governor is making Alaska as self-sufficient as possible. Among other things, that means the ability to develop our natural resources in a responsible manner.

However, I am also mindful of the role that the federal government plays in our state. The federal budget, in its various manifestations, is incredibly important to us, and congressional earmarks are one aspect of this relationship.

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Wesley Loy put up the energy coordinator appt. name at 11:42 on the ADN political blog. Just thought you should know. Not sure who gave that to him.